

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
ONE CALL TELECOM, INC. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER DENYING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC97-140

On August 8, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from One Call Telecom, Inc. (One Call).

One Call proposed to become a reseller of interexchange telecommunications services. A proposed tariff was filed by One Call. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On August 21, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 5, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. Commission Staff requested additional information from One Call on numerous occasions. One Call failed to respond to Staff's requests.

No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled June 11, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered One Call's request for a certificate of authority. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:24:03, Commission Staff recommended denial of the application for a certificate of authority due to unresponsiveness of Staff's request for information on the application and a demonstrated financial capability.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that One Call has not met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. One Call has not, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient financial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission denies One Call's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that One Call's application for a certificate of authority is hereby denied.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of June, 1998.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Alaine Kalko

Date: 6/19/98

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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